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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Title: SPOOL FILLED WITH MULTIPLE ELONGATED  
ELEMENTS WOUND CLOSELY TOGETHER  
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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.111**

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action dated April 18, 2006, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: